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GLENDAL MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

TUCSON, Ariz. – Michael Lee Schuyler, age 54, of Glendale, Ariz., was sentenced on October 6, 2004, to five years in prison for child pornography offenses by U.S. District Judge John M. Roll in Tucson, Ariz.

The defendant had entered guilty pleas to five counts of Possession of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S. Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B) and received the maximum allowable sentence for the charge. Schuyler had been arrested on May 2, 2003 after making arrangements with undercover agents to travel to engage in sex with a minor. A search of Schuyler's home computer led to the charges to which he pleaded guilty.

U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton stated that "the U.S. Attorney's office has as a top priority the prosecution of individuals who exploit children." Steve Minas Jr., acting special agent-in-charge of ICE investigations in Tucson, Ariz., added that, "Whether a sexual predator is on the Internet exploiting our virtual borders or is an alien who has preyed on children, ICE is using all of its law enforcement authorities to identify them and bring them to justice."

After completion of his prison sentence, Schuyler will be placed on supervised release for life, with stringent sex offender supervision conditions which among many other conditions, includes a requirement that he register as a sex offender and not have unsupervised contact with minors under the age of 18.

The investigation in this case was conducted by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in Nogales, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryée, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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